

WORLD WAR VETERANS PARK AT MILLER FIELD GATEWAY
NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

JUNE 16, 1999.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of
the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, from the Committee on Resources,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 592]

[Including cost estimate of the Congressional Budget Office]

The Committee on Resources, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 592) to redesignate Great Kills Park in the Gateway National Recreation Area as “World War II Veterans Park at Great Kills”, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendments and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

The amendments are as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

**SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF PORTION OF GATEWAY NATIONAL RECREATION AREA AS
WORLD WAR VETERANS PARK AT MILLER FIELD.**

Section 3(b) of Public Law 92-592 (16 U.S.C. 460cc-2(b)) is amended—

(1) by inserting “(1)” after “(b)”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(2) The portion of the Staten Island Unit of the recreation area known as Miller Field is hereby designated as ‘World War Veterans Park at Miller Field’. Any reference to such Miller Field in any law, regulation, map, document, record, or other paper of the United States shall be considered to be a reference to ‘World War Veterans Park at Miller Field’.”.

Amend the title so as to read:

A bill to designate a portion of Gateway National Recreation Area as World War Veterans Park at Miller Field.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of H.R. 592 as introduced is to redesignate Great Kills Park in the Gateway National Recreation Area as “World War II Veterans Park at Great Kills”.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

As introduced, H.R. 592 redesignates the Great Kills Park in the Gateway National Recreation Area as the “World War II Veterans Park at Great Kills”. The Great Kills Park is located on the Staten Island Unit of the Gateway National Recreation Area in the State of New York. H.R. 592 would change the name to recognize and honor the veterans of World War II, who fought to protect and defend democracy and freedom. The Great Kills Park supports outdoor recreational activities such as swimming, fishing, and boating. Units of the Gateway National Recreation Area are specifically named by statute, thus Congressional action is required to legally change the names of these units.

COMMITTEE ACTION

H.R. 592 was introduced on February 4, 1999, by Congressman Vito Fossella (R-NY). The bill was referred to the Committee on Resources, and within the Committee to the Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands. On May 11, 1999 the Subcommittee held a hearing on the bill, where Denis Galvin, Deputy Director of the National Park Service, testified in support of the bill with amendments. On May 18, 1999, the Subcommittee met to consider the bill. An amendment in the nature of a substitute was offered by Congressman James V. Hansen (R-UT) to designate a portion of Gateway National Recreation Area as World War Veterans Park at Miller Field, which was adopted by voice vote. The bill was then ordered favorably reported to the Full Committee by voice vote. On June 9, 1999, the Full Resources Committee met to consider the bill. No further amendments were offered and the bill, as amended, was ordered favorably reported to the House of Representatives by voice vote.

COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Regarding clause 2(b)(1) of rule X and clause 3(c)(1) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee on Resources’ oversight findings and recommendations are reflected in the body of this report.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Article I, section 8 and Article IV, section 3 of the Constitution of the United States grant Congress the authority to enact this bill.

COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE RULE XIII

1. Cost of Legislation. Clause 3(d)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives requires an estimate and a comparison by the Committee of the costs which would be incurred in carrying out this bill. However, clause 3(d)(3)(B) of that rule provides that this requirement does not apply when the Committee has included in its report a timely submitted cost estimate of the bill prepared by the Director of the Congressional Budget Office under section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

2. Congressional Budget Act. As required by clause 3(c)(2) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section

308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, this bill does not contain any new budget authority, spending authority, credit authority, or an increase or decrease in revenues or tax expenditures.

3. Government Reform Oversight Findings. Under clause 3(c)(4) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee has received no report of oversight findings and recommendations from the Committee on Government Reform on this bill.

4. Congressional Budget Office Cost Estimate. Under clause 3(c)(3) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and section 403 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Committee has received the following cost estimate for this bill from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office:

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, June 11, 1999.

Hon. DON YOUNG,
*Chairman, Committee on Resources,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 592, a bill to designate a portion of Gateway National Recreation Area as World War Veterans Park at Miller Field.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Deborah Reis.

Sincerely,

BARRY B. ANDERSON
(For Dan L. Crippen, Director).

Enclosure.

H.R. 592—A bill to designate a portion of Gateway National Recreation Area as World War Veterans Park at Miller Field

H.R. 592 would designate a portion of the Gateway National Recreation Area (currently known as Miller Field) as the World War Veterans Park at Miller Field.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 592 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 592 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Reis. This estimate was approved by Robert A. Sunshine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 104-4

This bill contains no unfunded mandates.

PREEMPTION OF STATE, LOCAL OR TRIBAL LAW

This bill is not intended to preempt any State, local or tribal law.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW MADE BY THE BILL, AS REPORTED

In compliance with clause 3(e) of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italic, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

SECTION 3 OF THE ACT OF OCTOBER 27, 1972

AN ACT To establish the Gateway National Recreation Area in the States of New York and New Jersey, and for other purposes

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SEC. 3. (a) * * *

(b)(1) The Secretary shall designate the principal visitor center within the recreation area as the "William Fitts Ryan Visitor Center" in commemoration of the leadership and contributions which Representative William Fitts Ryan made with respect to the creation and establishment of this public recreation area. To inform the public of the contributions of Representative Ryan to the creation of the recreation area, the Secretary shall provide such signs, markers, maps, interpretive materials, literature, and programs as he deems appropriate. Not later than December 31, 1980, the Secretary shall take such additional actions as he deems appropriate to recognize and commemorate the contributions of Representative Ryan to the recreation area.

(2) *The portion of the Staten Island Unit of the recreation area known as Miller Field is hereby designated as "World War Veterans Park at Miller Field". Any reference to such Miller Field in any law, regulation, map, document, record, or other paper of the United States shall be considered to be a reference to "World War Veterans Park at Miller Field".*